

**DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY
UNDER 35 USC §371(c)(4) FOR
PCT APPLICATION FOR UNITED STATES PATENT**

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:
my residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below under my name;

I verily believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought, namely the invention entitled: EXPOSURE METHOD AND APPARATUS

described and claimed in international application number PCT/JP00/04871 filed July 21, 2000

I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose to the Office all information known to me to be material to patentability as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations §1.56.

Under Title 35, U.S. Code §119, the priority benefits of the following foreign application(s) filed within one year prior to my international application are hereby claimed:

Japanese Patent Application No. 11-209870 filed on July 23, 1999

The following application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate on this invention were filed in countries foreign to the United States of America either (a) more than one year prior to my international application, or (b) before the filing date of the above-named foreign priority application(s):

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(1) Naomasa SHIRAISHI (5) _____
(2) _____ (6) _____
(3) _____ (7) _____ and
(4) _____ (8) _____

In consideration of the sum of one dollar (\$1.00) and other good and valuable considerations paid to each of the undersigned, the undersigned agree(s) to assign, and hereby does assign, transfer and set over to

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(hereinafter designated as the Assignee) the entire right, title and interest for the United States of America as defined in 35 U.S.C. §100, in the invention, and in all applications for patent including any and all divisions, continuations, substitutes, and reissues, and all Letters Patent, extensions, reissues and reexamination certificates that may be granted on the invention known as

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(11) EXPOSURE METHOD AND APPARATUS

(Case No. 111734)

for which the undersigned has (have) executed an application for patent in the United States of America

(12) Insert Date of
Signing of
Application

(12) on January 18, 2002

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applications

(13) U.S. application Serial Number 10/031,440
filed January 22, 2002

1) The undersigned agree(s) to execute all papers necessary in connection with the application and any continuing, divisional or reissue applications for the invention and also to execute separate assignments in connection with such applications as the Assignee may deem necessary.

2) The undersigned agree(s) to execute all papers necessary in connection with any interference which may be declared concerning this application or continuation or division thereof and to cooperate with the Assignee in every way possible in obtaining evidence and going forward with such interference.

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Date <u>Jan. 21, 2002</u>	Witness <u>Takashi Masukawa</u>
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